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R277-519. Educator Professional Learning Procedures and <u>USBE</u> Credit. R277-519-1. Authority and Purpose.

- (1) This rule is authorized by:
- (a) Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3, which vests general control and supervision over public education in the Board;
- (b) Subsection 53A-1-402(1)(a), which allows the Board to make rules regarding the qualifications of personnel providing direct student services and the certification of educators; and
- (c) Section 53A-1-401, which allows the Board to make rules to execute the Board's duties and responsibilities under the Utah Constitution and state law.
- (2) The purpose of this rule is to establish definitions and standards for awarding <u>USBE</u> credit for professional learning[, especially as it relates to teacher certification].

R277-519-2. Definitions.

"Professional learning" has the same meaning as provided in Subsection 53A-3-701(1).

R277-519-3. Professional Learning Requirements for Course Submission.

- (1) [An LEA] The Superintendent shall approve proposals for <u>USBE</u> professional learning.
 - (2) A professional learning proposal described in Subsection (1) shall include:
- (a) a description of how the proposal provides fidelity to the professional learning standards as provided in Section 53A-3-701;
 - (b) a descriptive outline of the professional learning;
 - (c) a schedule of meeting dates and times; and
 - (d) professional qualifications of each instructor.
- ([2]3) An LEA or other organization approved by the Superintendent shall request approval for <u>USBE</u> professional learning credit through the online professional learning system connected to the online Board certification system.
- ([3]4) An LEA or other organization approved by the Superintendent shall make a request under Subsection ([2]3) at least one week prior to the beginning of the scheduled professional learning.

R277-519-4. USBE Professional Learning Credit.

- (1) The Superintendent shall award <u>USBE</u> credit upon completion of professional learning as follows:
- (a) one-half credit for seven to thirteen contact hours plus a two hour assigned learning task or reflection;
- (b) one credit for fourteen to twenty contact hours plus a four hour assigned learning task or reflection;
 - (2) Total credit for a professional learning course may not exceed 3 credits.

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